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POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE IN LA JOLLA

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an assault that led to a male's death at midday today.

On Thursday, May 24, just after midnight, 24-year old Emery Kauanui was involved in a confrontation inside a bar in the 7500 block of Fay Avenue. After Kauanui and his antagonist were removed from the establishment, Kauanui returned to his residence in the 7200 block of Draper Avenue (also in La Jolla).

At least four males – including the male with whom Kauanui argued – showed up at Kauanui's residence at approximately 1:30 a.m. Kauanui and the male became involved in a second confrontation that turned into a physical fight. During the fight, the male's companions joined in and punched and kicked Kauanui.

Officers responding to a report of a street fight took a 20-year-old male into custody. At least three males fled the scene in a dark-colored SUV. Kauanui was admitted to a hospital for treatment of a head injury, but his condition worsened during the next four days, and he died this morning at 11:55 a.m.

Homicide Team II is coordinating its investigation with Northern Division detectives who investigated the initial assault.

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